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1. Toward the end of 1948 secret orders were given to the directors of the Hungarian Railways to send a commission to Hegyeshalom (Austro-Hungarian border) to receive 8,000 railway cars arriving from Austria. These cars were received at Hegyeshalom just before Christmas.
2. These railway cars were considered as war booty, and the Soviets were anxious to evacuate them from Austria before beginning discussions with the Western Powers on a peace treaty with Austria.
3. Along with the above railway cars, approximately 20 locomotives, originally Hungarian, were returned to Hungary (some of them type 424).
4. At the moment these cars are still in Hungary at the disposal of the Soviet occupation authorities. They are being converted at the Zahony works so as to be usable on the broad gauge Russian rails.

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